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Reply to Undersigned

May 19, 1939.

Mr. Dillard H. Gardner, Librarian  
Supreme Court Library  
Raleigh, North Carolina.

Dear Mr. Gardner:

I have your letter of May 11th. Yes, I had seen in the paper of Mr. Hutchins' appointment of a library committee and was congratulating our law library association upon its chairman. I feel Mr. Hutchins was particularly happy in your selection, for with a member of our association on each committee, we are sure of seeing the project through - at least so far as the committees can see it through.

You may be interested in knowing that shortly after our last association meeting, I wrote letters to Mr. Merrimon, Mr. Tillett and Mr. Sterns and enclosed copies of the tentative draft of our "model lists" of bar libraries, and that I have had replies from all of them. All three wrote exceedingly nice, cooperative letters, and both Mr. Merrimon and Mr. Tillett took the time and trouble to write at considerable length. Mr. Sterns said he was replying briefly because he hoped and expected to come to see me soon and talk the matter over in considerable detail. I thought perhaps all three of these men would be appointed by Mr. Hutchins, and certainly Mr. Merrimon and Mr. Tillett. However, I am sure Mr. Hutchins' appointments are good ones.

Within the next few days I shall write to the other members of the State Bar Committee and enclose copies of the tentative draft of our lists, and ask for expressions from them. I shall also explain our aims and purposes, as you suggested, and I shall keep you informed as to the progress made.

Mr. Merrimon came in to see me a few minutes last week. He said he didn't have time to talk libraries though, that he and his daughter were passing through on their way home from Williamsburg, but that he couldn't be in Durham without coming in to see Judge Bryson and me. He and the Judge are, I believe, life-long friends, and he and I friends of some years standing.

I have seen in the paper of your appointment as a member of the committee to make a new index to the North Carolina Code, or Consolidated Statutes. It is certainly somebody's idea to keep you very busy, it seems.

With every good wish,

Sincerely,

May S. Corington

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